

History Department Chair

Chatham Hall is excited to begin a search for a history department chair, who has a focus on World History, for the 2021-2022 school year. Chatham Hall—a girls' grades 9-12 boarding and day school in southern Virginia—has been a leader in educating girls and preparing them for college since 1894. The depth and breadth of Chatham Hall's history offerings assures that students graduate with knowledge and an understanding of their unique place in this world. The successful candidate is one who loves facilitating learning and who is invigorated by time spent with young people. This position will include teaching Humanities 9: World History to our ninth graders as well as electives such as World Religions, Civics, and Ethics.

Chatham Hall is in a very exciting position of carrying out the final pieces of its most recent strategic plan. At the core of that plan is the health and wellness initiative which strives to create balance in the lives of both students and adults. Aspects of "Living Well at Chatham Hall" include:

- Moving away from AP classes in favor of our own advanced classes
- Implementing a January Term beginning in the next school year
- Creating a new daily schedule that should allow students and teachers time to take the deep dives as well as time for reflection to process learning

Beyond these dynamic initiatives, we have also looked closely at diversity, equity, and inclusion, wanting to ensure that we are providing role models for all of our students in this diverse and warm community as well as a curriculum that reflects the world in which we live. To that end, we have engaged consultant Trina Gary, principal consultant at Brown-Gary Associates, LLC, who carried out our climate assessment in 2019-2020 and led several professional development workshops on the topics of implicit bias and other pertinent subjects. Additionally, we have engaged Ayo Magwood, principal of Uprooting Inequity to educate adults on the history of race and racism. Chatham Hall is committed to ensuring that students and adults feel included in this diverse community.

Teaching Responsibilities

Prepare for and teach up to five sections of history as well as provide timely and meaningful feedback to student work. Serving on the Curriculum Committee, duties also include working with department members to provide an inclusive curriculum that will expose students to varieties of thought and philosophies that will open the world to our students. Working with students on 21st century skills - critical thinking, communication, creativity, collaboration,



among others - will be a necessity as we strive to prepare students for their futures. All teaching faculty are responsible for using the learning management system to post assignments and to provide feedback that will allow students to move forward knowledgeably.

Other Responsibilities

In this dynamic community, teachers serve as advisors to a small group of students, keeping track of their academic progress, social involvement, and creating a family away from home. Teachers contribute to the residential life program by either living on-dorm or covering the dorm during study hall and nighttime check in. Teachers also participate in some way in the athletic program as well as weekend activities. Teachers are also involved in the committee work that helps us continue to grow and move forward as a community.

Chatham Hall seeks candidates who will contribute to and are committed to diversity and multicultural educational practices. Chatham Hall seeks candidates who demonstrate a dedication to working in a diverse community. The school seeks candidates who communicate effectively with diverse populations, create an inclusive work environment, and will engage in professional development opportunities to further develop inclusive management practices.

Qualifications

The qualified candidate will hold a minimum of an M.A. degree.

Benefits

Salary and benefits are competitive; housing and meals are provided.

To apply, please send a resume, cover letter, and list of references to Dean of Academics Martha Griswold at mgriswold@chathamhall.org.